

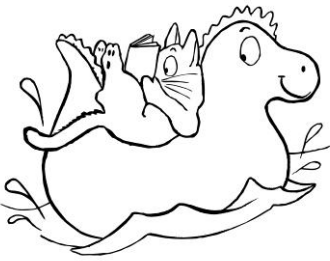
Make a Splash – READ

Summer Reading Program Theme for 2010

Systems Summer Reading Program Workshops

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Picture Books

Andreasen, Dan ***THE TREASURE BATH*** ✓

Unp. Henry Holt & Co. 2009 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-8050-8686-7

After helping his mom make a cake, a young boy is led to the bathroom for a bath he is not eager for. But while in the tub, he goes under water to encounter fish, a treasure map, and a treasure (which turns out to be soap and shampoo). The eel and the octopus get him scrubbed up -- just in time for cake!
(don't worry – only his behind shows)

Arnosky, Jim ***SLOW DOWN FOR MANATEES*** ✓

Unp. Putnam 2010 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-399-24170-3

A fictional account of a female manatee being hit and injured by a motor boat. Based on a true event, her recovery in an aquarium included the birth of her calf. Gently told story to remind us to be kind to the animals of the earth.

Arrou-Vignod, Jean-Phillippe ***RITA AND WHATSIT AT THE BEACH***

Illus. by Olivier Tallec unp. Chronicle Books 2009 \$14.99 ISBN 978-0-8118-6551-7

(follow-up to *Rita and Whatsit*)

Rita and her dog Whatsit plan on having a good time at the beach, but they want to do different things. Eventually they end up playing the same imaginative adventure game, and tomorrow maybe Rita will win.

Bond, Michael ***PADDINGTON AT THE BEACH*** ✓

Illus. by R. W. Alley unp. HarperCollins 2009 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-06-168767-9

Seagulls join Paddington one at a time in this counting book. When there are 10 they go after his bun, but Paddington has a back-up plan.

Casey, Tina ***THE UNDERGROUND GATORS***

Illus. by Lynn Munsinger unp. Dutton 2009 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-525-47213-1

There are gators everywhere in New York, just look around. They got there by being flushed down the toilet. Sometimes they come above ground, because they like hot dogs and other things. -- Great fun! Kids will particularly like the author's note at the end that states no worker has ever seen an alligator in the sewer system of New York.

Crow, Kristyn ***BEDTIME AT THE SWAMP***

Illus. by Macky Pamintuan unp. HarperCollins 2008 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-06-083951-2
“Splish splash rumba rumba bim bam boom”...

A monster is coming and the boy hides up a tree. His younger sister comes to tell him ma said to git on home, she hears the noise and hides in the tree, too!

Crum, Shutta ***THUNDER-BOOMER!*** ✓

Illus. by Carol Thompson unp. Clarion Books 2009 \$16.00 ISBN 978-0-618-61865-1

A hot sunny day on the farm soon turns into a booming thunder storm with hail. Everyone runs for the house but Dad has to go out in the rain again to bring in the daughter’s favorite chicken. When the storm is over there is a surprise outside for everyone.

de Beer, Hans ***LITTLE POLAR BEAR AND THE WHALES*** ✓

Unp. North South Books 2008 \$16.95 ISBN 978-0-7358-2209-2

Little polar bear, Lars, meets a cormorant named Conny, who introduces him to some beluga whales. The whales are soon in danger when a modern whaling ship comes looking for the sperm whale who just arrived. Lars thinks of a plan to keep them all safe.

Docherty, Thomas ***LITTLE BOAT***

unp. Candlewick Press 2009 \$15.99 ISBN 978-0-7636-4428-4

The little tugboat is independent and ventures out onto the huge ocean, encountering dangers such as whirlpools, storms, and more, in order to meet up with his friends! A whale, two dolphins, an octopus, seagulls and lots of little fish – they spend the day enjoying little adventures.

Docherty, Thomas ***TO THE BEACH***

unp. Candlewick Press 2009 \$15.99 ISBN 978-0-7636-4428-4

A boy travels to and from the beach in his imagination. He uses (among other things) a helicopter, tractor, and a camel (who makes a good friend) ... then he thinks about where he will go tomorrow.

George, Jean Craighead ***THE LAST POLAR BEAR*** ✓

Illus. by Wendell Minor unp. HarperCollins 2009 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-06-124067-6

A cautionary tale of global warming, Tigluk and his grandmother prepare and then go in search of the polar bear that visited their village. They find a young polar bear cub and know his mother has died. They take him back to show him how to live in a warmer world.

Hakaka, Marjorie Rose ***MERMAID DANCE*** ✓

Illus. by Mark Jones unp. Blue Apple Books 2009 \$16.99 ISBN 978-1-934706-47-3

Mermaids gather near the beach to prepare and hold a party to celebrate the first night of summer. They drape a string of pearls and other items over some branches, take out their meal and eat together, then play music and swim in a celebration dance. When dawn comes, there is only one thing that shows they were ever there.

Hubbell, Patricia ***BOATS: Speeding! Sailing! Cruising!***

Illus. by Megan Halsey & Sean Addy unp. Marshall Cavendish 2009 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-7614-5524-0
"Catamaran. Bark canoe. Kayaks made for one and two." Rhyming text gives a look at a variety of boats, conveying some good information along the way. Though some are whimsical – such as the “whale boat” which shows a whale in a rowboat. Mostly they are true to the boats use. The illustrations combine some vintage clip art with the hand drawn art.

Hurd, Thacher ***BAD FROGS*** ✓

Unp. Candlewick Press 2009 \$15.99 ISBN 978-0-7636-3253-3
A celebration of bad behavior. And it seems there is no hope for improvement. Silly fun kids will adore.

Jarman, Julia ***CLASS THREE AT SEA***

Illus. by Lynne Chapman unp. Carolrhoda Books 2008 \$16.95 ISBN 978-0-8225-7617-4
(Sequel to Class Two at the Zoo)
Teacher takes Class 3 on a tour boat, but they are soon boarded by pirates!!
No to worry, the class has made some aquatic friends during their tour. A silly adventure, good read aloud.

Kajikawa, Kimiko ***TSUNAMI!***

Illus. by Ed Young unp. Philomel Books 2009 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-399-25006-4
A retelling of a story from Japanese folklore. An older, wealthy man lives up on a mountain and can see the village and the ocean from his land. The village is having a celebration, but Ojiisan (means grandfather) first feels an earthquake, then sees the ocean running away from the beach – there will be a tsumani! The village didn't know. Ojiisan set fire to his rice field to alert the people. They came running up the mountain to help put out the fire, and were saved.

Kay, Julia ***GULLIVER SNIP***

Unp. Henry Holt & Co. 2008 \$16.95 ISBN 978-0-8050-7992-0
Rhyming text tells of Gulliver's nightly adventures: "Gulliver Snip had a clipper ship, that his mother called the bathtub." Each night the shower curtain takes a beating, and the floor gets all wet. Listeners will enjoy his adventures.

Keller, Holly ***MIRANDA'S BEACH DAY***

Unp. HarperCollins 2009 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-06-158298-1
Miranda and her mother spend the day at the beach, building a sand castle, taking a dip, and meeting a crab. A look at a typical day, with a bit of philosophy about the nature of the world.

Ketteman, Helen ***SWAMP SONG*** ✓

Illus. by Ponder Goembel unp. Marshall Cavendish 2009 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-7614-5563-9
Old Man Gator starts the tale with a “tip, tap, tap” of his toes. One by one other swamp creatures join the music with their own sounds. Have the listeners each take an animal's sound and have your own concert after the book is over. Be ready for noise!

Kimmel, Eric A. ***THE FISHERMAN AND THE TURTLE***

Illus. by Martha Aviles unp. Marshall Cavendish 2008 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-7614-5387-1

A version of *The Fisherman and His Wife*, in which the man and wife are Aztec, and eventually the wife wants to be a god. Well done. An end note from the author states that he also borrowed from a Singapore story: The Crown of Sang Nila Utama.

Lester, Helen ***TACKY GOES TO CAMP***

Illus. by Lynn Munsinger unp. Houghton Mifflin 2009 \$16.00 ISBN 978-0-618-98812-9

Tacky is back, as unusual as ever. This time it is his love (and hoarding) of smores that may help to save the day.

London, Jonathan ***LITTLE SWAN***

Illus. by Kristina Rodanas unp. Marshall Cavendish 2009 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-7614-5523-3

From eggs hatching to migration in the fall, this gentle story tells of a trumpeter swan family and shows the four cygnets learning to swim, to eat and eventually to fly.

Lucke, Deb ***THE BOY WHO WOULDN'T SWIM***

Clarion Books 2008 \$16.00 ISBN 978-0-618-91484-5

The story of a boy who just can't bring himself to get into the community swimming pool, even after his younger sister learns how to swim. Humorous, and based on a real story – the author's younger brother. Well, only the part about how he wouldn't get in the water.

Lumry, Amanda and Laura Hurwitz ***RIDDLE OF THE REEF***

34p. Scholastic 2009 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-545-06847-5

Riley goes to Australia to help his aunt, uncle and cousin investigate the loss of parts of the Great Coral Reef due to bleaching – the change in water temperature that causes the algae to leave and the coral to starve. Good combination of a fictional story with nonfiction information scattered throughout.

Illustrated throughout with photographs and cartoon-like drawings blended together.

Mahy, Margaret ***BUBBLE TROUBLE***

Illus. by Polly Dunbar Clarion Books 2009 \$16.00 ISBN 978-0-547-074214

The baby is caught inside a bubble blown by his sister – and he floats away with the family following after him.

Minor, Florence ***IF YOU WERE A PENGUIN***

Illus. by Wendell Minor unp. HarperCollins 2009 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-06-113097-7

Rhyming text tells about a number of things penguins can do including:

“You could fly underwater /or sing a duet.
you could live on land but / get really wet.
You could wear a tuxedo / or make funny faces.
You could go for a swim in warm /
or cold places.”

Nolan, Allia Zobel ***MRS. MCGEE'S COCONUT***

Illus. by Petr Cottrill unp. Tiger Tales 2009 \$15.95 ISBN 978-1-58925-079-6; \$6.95 (pbk) 978-1-58925-414-5
This rhyming story tells of a coconut's trip away from its owner in Tennessee, and off to a far away island where a monkey takes it up a tree...

Portis, Antoinette ***A PENGUIN STORY***

Unp. HarperCollins 2009 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-06-145688-6
One penguin of the group (Edna?) wonders if there are any other colors besides black, white and blue. She is on the lookout for another color and finally walks away to search. She finds...orange!

Raczka, Bab ***SUMMER WONDERS***

Illus. by Judy Stead unp. Albert Whitman & Co. 2009 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-8075-7653-3
Rhyming text gives us a look at all the fun places to go and things to do in the summer. It's not all about water, however, first there's a swimming pool, then a lake, "Divers, swimmers, flat rock skimmers" then some other things, back to the lake for fireworks, more other things, a boy in a hammock reading about pirates, more others things, then to the sea shore.

Ransom, Candice F. ***PONY ISLAND***

Illus. by Wade Zahares unp. Walker & Co. 2009 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-8027-8089-8
Brief rhyming text tells of the ponies on Assateague Island and how they are rounded up once a year to swim the channel to Chincoteague. Some of the yearlings and weanlings are sold, and then the herd swims back to Assateague. Includes an author's note at the back.

Ring, Susan ***WHERE SHOULD TURTLE BE?***

Illus. by Laurie Allen Klein unp. Sylvan Dell Pub. \$16.95 ISBN 978-1-934359-89-1
A just-hatched sea turtle leaves the nest and goes the wrong way. One by one he tries to live like other turtles – box, painted, a diamondback terrapin, but none of those lives are for him. A beetle and a crab help him get back on track and head out to sea. Includes a few turtle facts at the back of the book.

Robinson, Sharon ***TESTING THE ICE: A True Story About Jackie Robinson***

Illus. by Kadir Nelson unp. Scholastic 2009 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-545-05251-1
Jackie Robinson bought a home with a pond in Connecticut, a great place for the kids to run and play. They often swam in the pond, but he never did. One winter they asked him to check if the ice was frozen enough for them to skate. He couldn't swim but he walked carefully onto the ice to check it for his children and their friends.

Rosenthal, Marc ***ARCHIE AND THE PIRATES***

Unp. HarperCollins 2009 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-06-144164-6
Archie, a monkey, finds himself on an island and proceeds to build a home. He soon meets Clarice, an ibis, and learns that the resident tiger, Beatrice, is friendly. When pirates capture Beatrice, Archie, Clarice and other friends plan a rescue. Straightforward, fun, in an idyllic setting.

Sattler, Jennifer ***SYLVIE*** ✓

Unp. Random House 2009 \$15.99 ISBN 978-0-375-85708-9
Sylvie, a young flamingo, wonders why flamingoes are pink. Her mother explains about the shrimp, and so Sylvie goes around the beach trying some different things to eat -- and changing her color. After eating some stripes and some paisley items, she gets a stomach ache and realizes she doesn't feel like herself.

Sederman, Marty ***CASEY AND DEREK ON THE ICE***

Illus. by Zachary Pullen unp. Chronicle Books 2008 \$15.99 ISBN 978-0-8118-5132-9
We join the team near the end of their hockey game. The rhyming text tells the action on the ice and the determination of the young players.

Thomson, Sarah L. ***PIRATES, HO!***

Illus. by Stephen Gilpin unp. Marshall Cavendish 2008 \$14.99 ISBN 978-0-7614-5435-9
Tells in rhyming text about these tough, dastardly pirates, who make their enemies walk the plank. "We shout 'avast!' We cry, 'Ahoy!' The deadliest danger's our greatest joy. From the first mate down to the cabin boy, we are pirates, pirates, ho!" Until, late at night, when they tell scary stories and "Yikes!" they all run for their beds and pull their covers over their heads. Great fun and a good read aloud.

van Straaten, Harmen ***DUCK'S TALE***

unp. NorthSouth Books 2007 \$16.95 ISBN 978-0-7358-2133-0
Toad found a pair of glasses and now he can read. When Duck finds a pen he is certain he can write so he sits on the dock by his home and thinks and "writes." A story of friendship, and of appreciating each other.

Weeks, Sarah ***CATFISH KATE AND THE SWEET SWAMP BAND*** ✓

Illus. by Elwood H. Smith unp. Atheneum 2009 \$16.99 ISBN 978-1-4169-4026-5
Catfish Kate starts playing and soon several other animals are jamming with her. The boys want quiet in order to read. They begin to argue then Kate says, "Compromise" -- but a bit weak in the solution, and the girls look mean when offering their solution. It is fun that the boys want quiet in order to read and the girls are the noisy ones.

Wild, Margaret ***PUFFLING*** ✓

Illus. by Julie Vivas unp. Feiwel & Friends 2009 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-312-56570-1
(Originally pub. in Australia in 2008.)
The story of one puffin family's experiences with their little puffling tells the readers how the birds live and raise their young. The puffling asks if he is ready to go out into the world, but he must wait longer, just like the readers.

Williams, Karen Lynn ***A BEACH TAIL*** ✓

Illus. by Floyd Cooper unp. Boyds Mills Press 2010 \$17.95 ISBN 978-1-59078-712-0
Gregory draws a lion in the sand at the beach. His father tells him "don't go in the water and don't leave Sandy." The lion. Gregory explores the beach by making the longest tail ever for the lion. When he can't see his father he follows the tail back to the rest of the lion, and his father. A child's bit of independence with a reassuring ending.

Yang, Belle ***FOO, THE FLYING FROG OF WASHTUB POND***

Unp. Candlewick Press 2009 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-7636-3615-9

Friends since birth (on the same day) Foo the Frog, Mao-Mao Mudpuppy and Sue-Lin Salamander play together. Foo Frog grows larger than the others, and he gets to thinking "I am the biggest animal in the whole wide world!" He soon learns his lesson.

Nonfiction Picture Books

Berne, Jennifer ***MANFISH: A Story of Jacques Cousteau***

Illus. by Eric Puybaret unp. Chronicle Books 2008 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-8118-6063-5

A brief biography of Jacques Cousteau, his inventions, and his life filming the creatures of the sea to share with the world.

Contains one fold-out page

Serafini, Frank ***LOOKING CLOSELY ALONG THE SHORE*** ✓

Unp. Kids Can Press 2008 \$15.95 ISBN 978-1-55453-141-7

(Looking Closely series) A series of photos show, on the first page, part of a photo enclosed in a circle surrounded by black. After the reader guesses what it is, the next page reveals the entire photo and a couple of paragraphs of text giving a little information.

Serafini, Frank ***LOOKING CLOSELY AROUND THE POND*** ✓

Unp. Kids Can Press 2010 \$16.95 ISBN 978-1-55337-395-7

Ditto

Shaskan, Trisha Speed ***I AM AN OCTOPUS***

Illus. by Todd Ouren 24p. Picture Window Books 2009 \$25.26 ISBN 978-1-4048-4729-3

Good introductory information about the life of a common octopus. Tells of being on their own since hatching from an egg, what they eat and what eats them, and how they protect themselves. Includes brief glossary and index.

Shaskan, Trisha Speed ***I AM A SEA HORSE***

Illus. by Todd Ouren 24p. Picture Window Books 2009 \$25.26 ISBN 978-1-4048-4728-6

Also is a good introductory information about the life of a dwarf sea horse. It tells of the mother dropping eggs into the father's brood pouch (no illustration of it) and the babies being on their own since their expulsion from the pouch, what they eat and what eats them, and how they protect themselves. Includes brief glossary and index.

Beginning Readers

Clarke Ginjer L. ***BABY OTTER*** ✓

Illus. by Robbin Cuddy 48p. Grossett & Dunlap \$3.99 (pbk) ISBN 978-0-448-45105-3

Basic information about the North American river otter life cycle, beginning with the birth of three cubs in a den by the river and continuing through to the next spring when they are ready to go out on their own. Includes a plea to keep rivers clean for otters. Mentions other types of otters at the back of the book.

de Groat, Diane **GILBERT, THE SURFER DUDE**

32p. HarperCollins 2009 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-06-125211-2

In Gilbert's first beginning reader, the family heads to the beach. Sister Lola is afraid of the creatures in the water, and Gilbert forgot his suit. They buy a new one for him and he's ready to surf!

George, Jean Craighead **GOOSE AND DUCK**

Illus. by Priscilla Lamont 48p. HarperCollins 2008 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-06-117076-8;

\$17.89 (PLB) ISBN 978-0-06-117077-5

A boy finds a hatching egg by a pond and the gosling that hatches out imprints on him. Then a hatching duckling imprints on the goose. The boy has his hands full! A few life science facts are included in an unobtrusive way. Good fun!

Howe, James **HOUNDSLEY AND CATINA PLINK AND PLUNK**

Illus. by Marie-Louise Gay 42p. Candlewick Press 2009 \$15.99 ISBN 978-0-7636-3385-1

The fourth book about friends Houndsley & Catina (& others) has three related stories. In the first, Houndsley takes Catina on a canoe ride, but she talks the whole time instead of enjoying nature. In the second, Houndsley learns how to ride a bike. Third, Houndsley and Bert teach Catina to swim.

Mayer, Mercer **GOING TO THE SEA PARK** ✓

32p. HarperCollins 2009 \$3.99 (pbk) ISBN 978-0-06-083553-8

A "My First" shared reading "I Can Read!" title.

Little Critter and his class visit the sea park, encountering horseshoe crabs, an octopus, the shark tank, and a water show with an orca. They have a great time! Usually one sentence per page.

Schachner, Judy (I think) **SKIPPYJON JONES: The Great Bean Caper**

24p. Grossett & Dunlap 2009 \$3.99 (pbk) ISBN 978-0-448-45167-1

Skippito and Los Chimchangos paddle to an island to retrieve the frijoles El Bumblebeeto has stolen from them. More fun with Skippyjon Jones imagination. Some people love him and others are offended.

Schreiber, Anne **SHARKS!** ✓

32p. National Geographic Society 2008 \$3.99 ISBN 978-1-4263-0286-2

A National Geographic level 2 easy reader explores some of the many sharks in the ocean. It gives an introduction to how sharks function and notes that they are now threatened. (bought it at Target)

Fiction for Grades 2-5 (or so)

Arnosky, Jim **THE PIRATES OF CROCODILE SWAMP**

230p. Putnam 2009 \$15.99 ISBN 978-0-399-25068-2

A more serious theme with this title. Brothers Sandy (11) and Jack (9) are taken from their home in Pennsylvania and driven by their father to Florida, Key Largo. They manage to escape from him and end up hiding in Crocodile Swamp, a rather dangerous preserve. Here they learn a bit about the North American crocodiles first hand, encounter a hammerhead shark, and find a friend in an old fisherman.

Birney, Betty G. **ADVENTURE ACCORDING TO HUMPHREY**

118p. Putnam 2009 \$14.99 ISBN 978-0-399-24731-6

Bk 5 involves the students building their own small ships to be sailed across the local pond. The students, & Humphrey, visit the school library in preparation for the task. Humphrey would really like to see them sail... but hamsters aren't supposed to get wet.

Bozarth, Jan **BIRDIE'S BOOK**

216p. Random House 2009 \$17.99 (pbk) ISBN 978-0-375-85181-0; \$12.99 (PLB) ISBN 978-0-375-95181-7
Book 1 of The Fairy Godmother Academy,

Birdie "makes a splash" (a difference) when she helps her grandmother try to save the realm of fairies and the Shadow Tree. She makes a friend, Kerka, who helps her on her quest. Readers are encouraged to extend the story by visiting an online site. Book 2, Kerka's Book, comes out in May.

Cowell, Cressida **HOW TO BE A PIRATE**

212p. Little, Brown 2005 \$10.99 ISBN 978-0-316-15598-4

The 13 Viking students must now learn to be pirates, starting with sword-fighting at sea in a storm! The students and most of their fathers are soon off to seek the treasure of Hiccup's ancestor, Grimbeard the Mighty. Hiccup and his friend Fishlegs continue to be bullied by Snotlout and the other students. Somehow, Hiccup manages to pull through once again and maybe even come out on top.

DeFelice, Cynthia **THE MISSING MANATEE**

181p. Scholastic 2005, 2008 \$6.95 (pbk) ISBN 978-0-439-02130-2

Skeet Water (11) is enjoying his spring break when he encounters a dead manatee, and can tell it has been shot. He notifies the sheriff, but they find the manatee is gone. Skeet keeps working on the mystery, determined to find the perpetrator. He is also dealing with his parent's breakup. And he finally gets to go tarpon fishing with Dirty Dan, his hero, and fights to catch one of the big fish. When he discovers who shot the manatee, he learns that life is not black and white, and things can be complicated - just like the split between his parents.

Donovan, Gail **IN MEMORY OF GORFMAN T. FROG**

Illus. by Janet Pedersen 180 p. Dutton 2009 \$15.99 ISBN 978-0-525-42085-9

Joshua (Joshua Tree Hewitt) (5th grade) finds a frog with three back legs in their garden pool. He is fascinated and does some research to find out what could have caused this. Oh, yes, he is also a motor mouth, often getting in trouble with his parents and teacher. There is humor, and some learning; about frogs, the food chain, the environment and behavior during the course of the book. If you are looking for "green" books, this is one.

French, Vivian **THE ROBE OF SKULLS**

Illus. by Russ Collins 200p. Candlewick Press 2008 \$14.99 ISBN 978-0-7636-3531-2; \$5.99 (pbk) 978-0-7636-4364-5

(The First Tale from the Five Kingdoms)

Gracie Gillypot (lived with stepfather & step sister- Foyce) is rescued from their cellar by a talkative bat named Marlon – and this is just the beginning of her adventures. She "makes a splash" helping others, including Prince Marcus

French, Vivian ***THE BAG OF BONES***

Illus. by Russ Collins 200p. Candlewick Press 2009 \$14.99 ISBN 978-0-7636-4255-6

(The Second Tale from the Five Kingdoms)

Gracie, Marlon, Prince Marcus and others are once again ready for more adventures fighting evil.

Harrison, David L. ***VACATION: We're Going to the Beach***

Illus. by Rob Shepperson 62p. Wordsong (Boyd's Mills Press) 2009 \$16.95 ISBN 978-1-59078-568-3

45 short poems convey the enthusiasm of the main character (Sam) for a vacation at the beach with his family.

Lots of personality (his and his ballerina sister) is shared via the poems & illustrations in this short book.

James, Brian ***SHIVER ME SHIPWRECK***

Illus. by Jennifer Zivoin 64p. Grosset & Dunlap 2009 \$3.99 (pbk) ISBN 978-0-448-44888-6

(Pirate School, #8) In this 8th book of the series, the pirate school goes visiting from their home ship, the Sea Rat, over to the Bone Rattler, and while in search of treasure, soon run into dangerous waters.

Kelsey, Marybeth ***A RECIPE FOR ROBBERY*** ✓

282p. Greenwillow 2009 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-06-128843-2

Lindy (11) best friend, Margaret, and know-it-all Gus (Lindy's not so keen on Gus) attempt to solve the mystery of stolen jewels during the town's Cucumber Festival.

Labatt, Mary ***LAKE MONSTER MIX-UP*** ✓

Illus. by Jo-Anne Rioux 95p. Kids Can Press 2009 \$16.95 ISBN 978-1-55337-822-8

(Sam & Friends Mystery, Book 2) – graphic novel --

Sam, an Old English Sheepdog, lives next door to Jennie, who can understand what he is thinking. Jennie's family goes to Sagawa Lake for a long weekend, and Jennie brings Sam and her friend Beth. While there, they learn about the "evil in the lake" from an old diary they found. Here's a mystery for them to solve.

Pitchford, Dean ***CAPTAIN NOBODY***

195p. Putnam 2009 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-399-25034-7

Newt Newman (10) is used to his older brother getting all the attention. Chris is the star of the football team.

Then he is injured in a bad accident, and lies in the hospital. Newt is devastated. His friends talk him into going out for Halloween, and he uses some of his brother's clothes to create his 'Captain Nobody' costume. He feels confident and strong in the costume, and no one gives him trouble about it, even when he wears it to school, because of his brother. Along the way, Newt does help some people, and he gets some attention for himself when he foils a jewelry store robbery. He definitely 'makes a splash!'

Poon, Janice ***CLAIRE AND THE WATER WISH***

118p. Kids Can Press 2009 \$15.95 ISBN 978-1-55453-381-7

Sequel to *Claire and the Bakery Thief*, this graphic novel (in black-and-white) tells of Claire and her friends Jet and Sky. They decide to do their group science project on water. When Jet & Sky are kidnapped, Claire and Bongo (her dog) follow the trail of fake jewels from Jet's bag. Jet's camera has the proof of why the nearby lake is polluted.

Salisbury, Gaham **CALVIN COCONUT, TROUBLE MAGNET**

Illus. by Jacqueline Rogers 152p. Random House 2009 \$12.99 978-0-385-73701-2; \$15.99 (PLB) ISBN 978-0-385-90639-5

Calvin (9) is dismayed to learn his cousin, Stella (15), is coming to live with his family, and he has to give up his room and move into the storage room of the garage. Calvin and his friends also must face (or run from) bullies, along with rowing up the river and enjoying the ocean.

Selfors, Suzanne **FORTUNE'S MAGIC FARM** ✓

264p. Little, Brown 2009 \$15.99 ISBN 978-0-316-01818-0

Isabelle, 10, lives in Runny Cove, where it never stops raining. Every day she, her friends, and all adults go to work at the umbrella factory where they are paid little and treated poorly. It is a miserable existence. She runs away after her friend and "grandmother" dies. She then finds a new world where she is welcomed, the sun shines every day and plants grow everywhere. But circumstances are not perfect and she wants to help her friends back in Runny Cove.

Vernon, Ursula **DRAGONBREATH**

148p. Dial 2009 \$12.99 ISBN 978-0-8037-3363-3

Danny Dragonbreath is the only mythical creature attending the Herpitax-Phibbias School for Reptiles and Amphibians. Danny and his best friend Wendell (green iguana) stick together, whether Big Eddy is bullying them (too bad Danny can't breathe fire, yet) or visiting the ocean so Danny can research his paper for class. Black, white and green illustrations. Lots of fun, and looks like the start of a series.

Voake, Steve **DAISY DAWSON AND THE SECRET POND**

Illus. by Jessica Meserve 87p. Candlewick Press 2009 \$14.99 ISBN 978-0-7636-4009-5

In this British import, and sequel to *Daisy Dawson Is On Her Way*, we find Daisy can still talk with animals and is not any better at getting to school on time. A school assignment to report on a habitat prompts her trip to a secret pond (the cat, Trixie, knew about it) where two otters live. Her friends Boom (dog), Cyril (squirrel) and his niece & nephew join her. Adventure and some life science facts blended in. Good fun! and a good read-aloud.

Nonfiction for Grades 2-5 (or so)

Cerullo, Mary M. **SHIPWRECKS: Exploring Sunken Cities Beneath the Sea** ✓

64p. Dutton 2009 \$18.99 ISBN 978-0-525-47968-0

Two different shipwrecks, one near the Florida Keys and one off the coast of Massachusetts, are explored in this look at how sunken ships create a habitat for sea creatures, as well as how people seek such ships and what they carried.

Hatkoff, Juliana, Isabella & Craig **WINTER'S TAIL: How One Little Dolphin Learned to Swim**

Again unp. Scholastic 2009 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-545-12335-8

Winter was 2 or 3 months old when she became tangled in the lines of a crab trap and her tail was badly injured. She was cut free and then taken to the Clearwater Marine Aquarium where they eventually fitted her with a prosthetic tail.

Heller, Esther Susan ***MENORAH UNDER THE SEA***

32p. Kar-Ben Publishing (Lerner) 2009 \$17.95 ISBN 978-0-8225-7386-9

Blends the study of sea creatures in Antarctica with wanting to celebrate a Jewish holiday. While no background is given on Hannukkah, the story is about both the efforts to study sea creatures and someone finding a unique way to celebrate Hannukkah – and then bringing it to others at the station.

Hollyer, Beatrice ***OUR WORLD OF WATER: Children and Water Around the World***

48p. Henry Holt & Co. 2009 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-8050-8941-7

Tells about the collection and use of water in 6 countries of the world: Peru, Mauritania, the U.S., Bangladesh, Ethiopia, and Tajikistan.

Gives a sense of the value, and the effort needed to collect, water.

Jenkins, Steve ***DOWN DOWN DOWN: A Journey to the Bottom of the Sea***

40p. Houghton Mifflin 2009 \$17.00 ISBN 978-0-618-96636-3

From above the surface to the bottom of the Marianas Trench, Jenkins gives us a look at a few of the many creatures that inhabit the ocean. A bar graph on the side of the page lets us know the depth of each scene.

Includes a two-page spread at the back of the book that gives a paragraph of information on each animal, along with a silhouette to show size relative to humans.

Markle, Sandra ***SHARKS: Biggest! Littlest!***

Photos by Doug Perrine 32p. Boyds Mills Press 2008 \$16.95 ISBN 978-1-59078-513-3

Ann overview of sharks, a quick look at some of the biggest (Great White and Whale Sharks) and some of the smallest (Cookie-Cutter Shark and the Spined Pygmy Shark). Excellent photos will have readers turning the pages. Good for reluctant readers. A map of the world at the back of the book shows where each of the sharks discussed can be found.

Pringle, Laurence ***ALLIGATORS AND CROCODILES***

Illus. by Meryl Henderson 32p. Boyds Mills Press 2009 \$16.95 ISBN 978-1-59078-256-9

Good, basic life science information on alligators and crocodiles, including how they are alike and different. Sure to appeal to reluctant readers.

Simon, Seymour ***DOLPHINS***

32p. HarperCollins 2009 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-06-028393-3; \$18.89 (PLB) ISBN 978-0-06-028394-0

A well-written look at some of the 35 species of dolphins in the world. Excellent photos accompany the text, though over half are of bottlenose dolphins. Explains the difference between dolphins and porpoises and gives good basic information on their physical attributes and how they survive.

Talbot, Hudson ***RIVER OF DREAMS***

Unp. Putnam 2009 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-399-24521-3

Using an ongoing “river” timeline through the book, the author tells of the formation of the Hudson River, the people who lived by it, and the history the river has witnessed down through the years. The importance of the river for life, trade, and warfare is discussed.

Wechsler, Doug **MARVELS IN THE MUCK: *Life in the Salt Marshes*** ✓

48p. Boyds Mills Press 2008 \$17.95 ISBN 978-1-59078-588-1

Excellent photos and clear text provide a look at the plants, insects, and animals of salt marshes in the U.S.

Weitzman, David L. **PHARAOH'S BOAT**

Unp. Houghton Mifflin 2009 \$18.00 ISBN 978-0-547-05341-7

Chosen as one of SLJ's Best Books of 2009, Weitzman shares how the Egyptians build a boat for their Pharaoh Cheops to carry him into the afterlife. A fascinating look at the tools and techniques of the ancient people, and the techniques used by the Restoration Department of Egyptian Antiquities to determine how the boat was first built. One fold-out four-page illustration shows the reassembled boat.

Yolen, Jane **AN EGRET'S DAY** ✓

Photos by Jason Stemple 32p. Wordsong 2010 \$17.95 ISBN 978-1-59078-650-5

Contains 14 poems by the author about egrets. Each two-page spread contains one poem, one paragraph of factual information about egrets and their habitats, and one to three amazing photographs of the birds. A terrific choice.

Yolen, Jane **A MIRROR TO NATURE: *Poems About Reflection***

Photos by Jason Stemple 32p. Wordsong 2009 \$17.95 ISBN 978-1-59078-624-6

Wonderful photos (some more reflective than others) match the 12 poems of water birds, alligators, raccoon, deer, snail, cockle, frog, coyote, and redfish in this tribute to nature. Equally valuable for a poetry collection, for nature, and for photography. Another terrific choice.

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Fiction for Younger Teens

Calame, Don **SWIM THE FLY**

345p. Candlewick Press 2009 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-7636-4157-3

Matt, Sean, and Cooper (15) have agreed this summer will not pass without each of them seeing a naked girl. Their efforts to accomplish this are hilarious, with bathroom humor at times. Additionally, Matt agrees to swim the butterfly for their swim team to impress a girl, although he has never tried it before. Hormones and humiliation preside over the summer.

Collard, Sneed B. III **DOUBLE EAGLE** ✓

238p. Peachtree Pub. 2009 \$16.95 ISBN 978-1-56145-480-8

Mike, 13, is spending the summer of 1973 with his father on a small island off Alabama. A salvage ship is looking for treasure nearby, and Mike would really like to know what they have found. Mike and his new friend, Kyle, make a surprising discovery at the old fort, and the salvagers may be after them for what they found. A good adventure story for this summer's "Make Waves @ your library" theme.

Cross, Sarah ***DULL BOY*** ✓

308p. Dutton 2009 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-525-42133-7

Avery Pirzwick (15) has developed super-powers and it's hard to keep the secret. He quit the wrestling team for fear of seriously injuring someone. He encounters a couple other teens with powers and they actually help people a couple of times. Then Cherchette, who has promised to help them, turns out to be evil. The teens will have to help themselves to escape her plans. A sequel is likely.

Dunsmore, Helen ***THE DEEP***

326p. HarperCollins 2009 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-06-081858-6

(Book 1 – Ingo, Bk 2 – The Tide Knot)

Sapphire & her brother Conor, have by now learned they are both half-merpeople. In this title, they are the only ones who can go down to the land of the Kraken. It is waking and threatens both the Mer and her family and friends of Cornwall.

Evangelista, Beth ***GIFTED***

180p. Walker & Co. 2005 \$16.95 ISBN 978-0-8027-8994-5; \$6.95 (pbk) ISBN 978-0-8027-9644-8

George (8th grade) is gifted, knows it, and believes everyone else is beneath him. Teachers adore his intelligence AND his father is the principal – which has saved him on many occasions. But now he is going along on the 8th grade science field trip for a few days, and the Bruise Brothers may get their chance to beat him up. Then... a hurricane is on its way – camp evacuates, except for George, he's hiding from the bullies.

Frank, Lucy ***THE HOMESCHOOL LIBERATION LEAGUE***

279p. Dial 2009 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-8037-3230-8

Katya (13 and should be in 8th grade) just cannot face school after her wonderful summer learning and exploring at Wilderness Camp. She talks her parents into allowing her to home school, but the plans her mother makes reminds her too much of middle school. A look at the various ways home schooling can work, and sometimes that school is the answer.

Herlong, M. H. ***THE GREAT WIDE SEA***

282p. Viking 2008 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-670-06330-7

After the accidental death of their mother, Ben (15), and his younger brothers Dylan and Gerry (5) reluctantly join their father on a sailing trip around the Bahamas. Their father disappears one night, and then the brothers must weather a terrible storm. The three end up shipwrecked on a small island. Survival story, in more ways than one.

McKinley, Robin & Peter Dickinson ***WATER: Tales of Elemental Spirits*** ✓

286p. Penguin 2002, 2009 \$8.99 (pbk) ISBN 978-0-14-240244-3

Originally published in 2002, it is now out in paperback. Six stories, three by each author, center around some aspect of water. Merpeople, a sea serpent, and a kraken are some of the main characters. For grades 7-12, wonderful fantasies. (I have read 4 of the 6)

Paratore, Coleen Murtagh ***A PEARL AMONG PRINCES*** ✓

191p. Dial 2009 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-8037-3301-5

Gracepearl, 15, lives on Miramore, an island hidden by fog and mist. Here each summer the princes come to learn the niceties of life. Gracepearl is torn between her love for her childhood friend, Mackree, and her need/destiny to leave the island. The only way for her to leave is to marry a prince. An enjoyable combination of girl power/fairy tale/and coming of age novel.

Reisman, Michael ***SIMON BLOOM: The Octopus Effect***

353p. Dutton 2009 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-525-42082-8

(Bk 2)

Simon is infused with octopus DNA which gives him some special abilities – such as spewing ink from his mouth.

St. John, Lauren ***DOLPHIN SONG***

246p. Dial 2008 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-8037-3214-8; \$6.99 (pbk) ISBN 978-0-14-241375-3

(Sequel to *The White Giraffe* -- not necessary to have read) Martine has a special gift and in this sequel, she and her classmates leave on ten day boat trip that results in shipwreck!

Sanchez, Anita ***THE INVASION OF SANDY BAY***

135p. Boyds Mills Press 2008 \$16.95 ISBN 978-1-59078-560-7

A fictionalized account of a true event: a British warship sails into Sandy Bay, in New England, during the War of 1812. Lemeul Brooks (12) is involved from the beginning in defending his home. It's just that the British are not the real problem – that turns out to be Lieutenant Hurley from nearby Gloucester.

Smith, Roland ***TENTACLES***

319p. Scholastic 2009 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-545-16688-1

Sequel to *Cryptid Hunters*, this title follows Marty, Grace, Luther, Wolfe, and others as they take the Coelacanth out to try to capture a giant squid. Repercussions from previous events (in the first book) follow them out on the ocean. Good adventure, it can be read on its own, but they are going to want *Cryptid Hunters* when they finish this one -- and there is bound to be another book.

Steer, Dugald A., ed. ***OCEANOLOGY: The True Accounts of the Voyage of the Nautilus***

Unp. Candlewick Press 2009 \$19.99 ISBN 978-0-7636-4290-7

The story of Jules Verne's Nautilus, told by a teenager who traveled aboard it. Occasional nonfiction interspersed with the fictional story of Zoticus de Lesseps. It comes with plenty of extras such as small "books" to open inside the pages, and so is similar to other titles in the "Ology" series, this title is sure to attract interest and browsing.

Nonfiction for Teens

Lourie, Peter ***WHALING SEASON: A Year in the Life of an Arctic Whale Scientist***

80p. Houghton Mifflin 2009 \$18.00 ISBN 978-0-618-77709-9

(Scientists in the Field series)

John Craighead George, called Craig, is the son of author Jean Craighead George. He studies bowhead whales year-round. This book follows him as he studies health, size and numbers of the whales caught by the Native Inupiaq Eskimos capture during their twice annual harvest. Excellent photos, some showing the whale being cut apart for food, will attract browsers.

Turner, Pamela S. ***THE FROG SCIENTIST*** ✓

58p. Houghton Mifflin 2009 \$18.00 IBN 978-0-618-71716-3

(Scientists in the Field series)

Join Tyron Hayes and his assistants in the field and in the lab while they gather and study a variety of frogs. As stated in the book, Tyrone was born in a “colored” hospital in 1967, but segregation was eliminated and he went on to study at Harvard. It wasn’t easy, but he now is following frogs, the little creatures who fascinated him as a child. Excellent photos and a sense of the work involved in this field of study.

Fiction for Older Teens 4 titles

Antieau, Kim ***RUBY’S IMAGINE***

201p. Houghton Mifflin 2008 \$16.00 ISBN 978-0-618-99767-1

Ruby, 17, lives in New Orleans with her grandma, Mamaloose. She lived in the bayou until her parents died, and still talks the dialect when Mamaloose lets her. She communes with plants and animals, and knows a "big spin" is coming. Hurricane Katrina is on the way, and Ruby warns those she can. Then Katrina hits and Ruby tries to save Mammaloose, and others in their area of New Orleans. Unusual, but gives a sense of the disaster.

Bertagna, Julie ***ZENITH*** ✓

340p. Walker & Co. 2009 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-8027-9803-9

Sequel to Exodus. After being refused entrance to the city on stilts, Mara (16 or so) and the refugees following her are riding a huge white ship to look for land in the north where they hope they can survive. The ship is on automatic pilot and the passengers have no idea how long it will take to reach their destination -- if there really is land somewhere. Survival tale! after the polar ice caps have melted.

A third book is in the works.

Meyer, L. A. ***RAPTURE OF THE DEEP*** ✓

454p. Harcourt 2009 \$17.00 ISBN 978-0-15-206501-0

(Bloody Jack, #7) (I’ve read Bks 1, 2, and now 7 – there was no problem enjoying this volume without reading 3-6.)

On the day of their wedding, prior to their wedding, Jacky and her intended, Jaimy, are taken by the British and forced to serve their homeland again. Jacky is to dive off the keys of Florida for a treasure lost by the Spanish. Lots of action and adventure, also lots of Jacky flirting with fellas she encountered in previous adventures and parading around in her “swim suit” she designed. Sure to be popular with fans of the series.

Monninger, Joseph ***HIPPIE CHICK***

156p. Front Street 2008 \$16.95 ISBN 978-1-59078-598-0

Going for an evening sail, alone, Lolly (15) was caught by surprise when her boat capsized after a big wave. Hitting her head left her unconscious and then confused. Then she realized she is riding on one of three manatees and they take her to a small, uninhabited island.

Volponi, Paul ***HURRICANE SONG*** ✓

136p. Speak 2008, 2009 \$6.99 (pbk) ISBN 978-0-14-241418-7

Miles (16) is now living with his father in New Orleans since his mother remarried. Hurricane Katrina hits and Miles, his father and his uncle try to leave town but their car breaks down. They end up in the Superdome with many others. Trying to build a family is hit head-on by disaster. A realistic look at the conditions people suffered in the Superdome, complete with coarse language where appropriate.

- ✓ means the title was added to the list since NLA/NEMA conference



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